



PERSONNEL QUALIFICATIONS

Richard J. Kristie | Principal



EDUCATION

- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
 - Bachelor of Science, Civil Engineering, 1978

PRACTICE AREAS

- Fire Damage Investigation
- Steel Plate Shell Structures
- Steel Pole Structures
- Steel Structures
- Wind Damage Investigation
- Wood Structure Investigation and Repair

REGISTRATIONS

- Structural Engineer in IL
- Professional Engineer in AZ, IL, MI, MO, OH, PA, VA, and WI

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- American Forest & Paper Association (AF&PA)
- American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE)
- Forest Products Society (FPS)

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EXPERIENCE

Since joining WJE in 1985, Richard Kristie has conducted investigations of damaged structures, evaluated existing structures, performed laboratory testing, and prepared repair plans and specifications. He specializes in investigations involving wood structures, wood truss roof systems, steel plate shell structures and steel frame structures with corrosion and welding problems, steel pole structures, and fire-damaged structures.

Mr. Kristie was previously employed at the Chicago Bridge and Iron Company (CBI). At CBI, he performed assignments involving structural design and analysis of storage tanks, pressure vessels, vacuum vessels, offshore structures, and development of structural analysis software.

Mr. Kristie coauthored a paper presented at an International Conference on Timber Engineering, titled "Inspection and Repair of Plate-Connected Wood Trusses." He was lead author of a paper, titled "Investigating and Repairing Wood Bowstring Trusses," published in the *ASCE Practice Periodical on Structural Design and Construction* and coauthored a paper, titled "Failure Investigation of 100 Year Old Timber Roof Truss," presented at the Third Forensic Engineering Congress.

REPRESENTATIVE PROJECTS

Fire Damage Investigation

- Mid-America Plaza - Oakbrook Terrace, IL: Investigation and repair of post-tensioned concrete parking structure
- Lake Forest, IL: Investigation of prestressed double-tee beam at parking structure
- Holy Name Cathedral - Chicago, IL: Wood roof fire damage investigation and repair

Steel Plate Shell Structures

- Medosa/CEMEX Cement Plant - Charlevoix, MI: Investigation and repair of collapsed raw mill bypass duct conditioning tower and of weld failures for Stage I Outlet Duct
- Bay City, MI: Investigation of collapsed molasses tank

Steel Pole Structures

- Illinois DOT: Assessment of 1,200 mast-arm traffic signal support assemblies
- Chicago, IL: Investigation of failed light poles at Oak Brook Center, Brickyard Mall, and new Comiskey Park

Steel Structures

- Inland Steel: Investigation and repair of crane structure
- Chicago and Northwestern Line - Chicago, IL: Investigation of riveted steel railroad bridges
- St. Sabina Church - Chicago, IL: Investigation and repair of partially collapsed steel frame and precast concrete panel roof

Wind Damage Investigation

- Chicago Park District Davis Square Park - Chicago, IL: Investigation of wind-damaged timber roof
- South Dade County, FL: Investigation of over sixty residential structures damaged by Hurricane Andrew

Wood Structure Investigation and Repair

- Church of the Holy Communion - St. Peter, MN: Repair design for 130-year-old historic tornado damaged church; WJE's timber roof repair received the "Best Special Project" award from the Structural Engineers Association of Illinois
- College Hall at University of Pennsylvania - Philadelphia, PA: Designed repairs for the one-hundred-year-old timber trusses
- Managed the investigation and repair of plate-connected wood roof trusses in more than 1,000 small retail buildings
- Holy Name Cathedral - Chicago, IL: Roof and ceiling structure investigation and repair; WJE's wood roof structure repair received the "Best Medium Structural Project Award" from the Structure Engineers Association of Illinois
- St. James Church - Chicago, IL: Investigation of wood roof structure and masonry supporting walls